

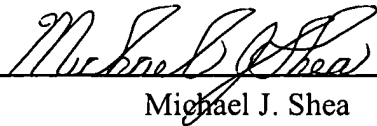
**Remarks**

Further to the amendment of December 14, 2007, claim 3 has been canceled to avoid inconsistency with claim 1.

The pending claims are believed to be allowable and favorable office action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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